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THE SHADOW PROCLAMATION. THE OFFICES OF MISTER FINCH.
WELL? IS IT DONE?
IS THE DOCTOR DEAD?
-SKRRRTT- DOH! LOH! NOH!
HE CRASHED? THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE "YES"—THAT SOUNDS LIKE "THE DOCTOR HAS ESCAPED US AGAIN."
IS HE DEAD?! I WANT PROOF!
DOH! LOH! NOH!
THEN FLY DOWN THERE AFTER IT AND BRING ME HIS BODY!
NOW!
THE DOCTOR AND HIS MEDDLINGS HAVE BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE FOR YEARS NOW—

"—I WANT TO DANCE AT HIS FUNERAL!"

>HRR< >HNF<
IT'S NEVER THE FALL... THAT KILLS YOU—

—IT'S ALWAYS THE SUDDEN STOP AT THE END THAT DOES.
KRADEN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ALL BONES INTACT, THAT SORT OF THING?

HAIR, TEETH, NOSE THE SAME—NO TRAUMA-BASED REGENERATION THEN.
GOOD. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE OF A PAIN IN THE NECK RIGHT NOW.
COME ON, OLD FELLA, OOPSIE DAISY—
—WE NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS WRECK.
>HNNN< DOCTOR?

THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S ME.
I... HOPED YOU WERE DEAD.
OR AT LEAST... MUTE.

I GET THAT A LOT.

STOMM/ BRARSHAK! ARE YOU ALIVE?
IF EITHER OF THEM REPLY "NO" TO THAT, I'M LEAVING THE SHIP RIGHT NOW.

AHA! THERE YOU ARE!
DOCTOR... BRARSHAK...

I HAVE HIM. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, DISCOVER WHERE WE ARE.
WE WON'T BE ALONE FOR LONG. THEY'LL SEND A SHIP TO CONFIRM OUR DEMISE.
AGREED. WHERE'S THE JUDOON THAT ESCAPED?

IT'S DEAD.
STOMM, IF I FIND THAT YOU DID ANYTHING—
NO, DOCTOR. I KEPT YOUR INSANE "NO MURDER" RULE—

—IT BROKE IT'S NECK IN THE CRASH.

WE NEED TO CANNIBALISE THE SHIP. WE NEED TO FIND WEAPONS.
THEN, WE NEED TO FIND SHELTER AND FOOD.
NO TIME FOR THAT, KRADEN.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY FOUND US.

SWOOSH
WE'LL BE ON THEIR THERMAL IMAGES ALREADY. WE RUN—THEY'LL STILL FIND US. THEY'RE JUDOON.

THAT SAID, THEY ARE JUDOON—WE CAN CONFUSE THEM. MAYBE EVEN BAMBOOZLE THEM.
HMM. BRARSHAK'S TOO TALL, STOMM IS TOO SHORT, THEY'LL WANT TO SEE ME—
WHAT ARE YOU BLATHERING ABOUT, DOCTOR?!
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SHORT?

I HAVE A PLAN. A CUNNING ONE.
AND ONE KRADEN HAS A LEADING PART TO PLAY IN.
TELL ME, KRADEN, HAVE YOU EVER HELD A DESIRE TO TRY ON JUDOON POWER ARMOUR?

ONLY TWO GUARDS—ONE LOOKS LIKE THE CAPTAIN, THE REST HAVE PROBABLY GONE TO CHECK THE WRECKAGE.
THERE MIGHT BE SOME MORE IN THE SHIP, BUT THAT'S A RISK WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE.
THIS IS SUICIDE! THE SUIT DOESN'T EVEN FIT ME! AND I CAN'T SPEAK JUDOON!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET PAST THE GUARDS?
ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY IS SOMETHING LIKE "HOW NOW BROWN COW"—
—EXCEPT, LIKE, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE "OH" VOWEL SOUND. AND THEN GIVE THE CAPTAIN THIS.
THERE YOU ARE! WITH THE HELMET ON YOU LOOK SPOT ON!
WELL, MAYBE NOT SPOT ON, BUT CERTAINLY PASSABLE...
...WELL, PASSABLE ENOUGH TO GET PAST A GUARD.
PLEASE, DOCTOR. BE QUIET... OR I WILL KILL YOU.
THAT'S BEEN THREATENED BEFORE, YOU KNOW.

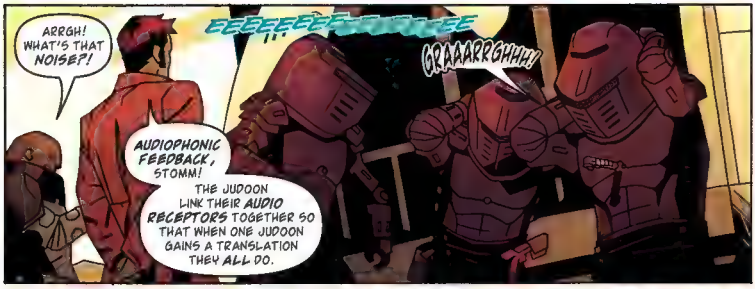
BLO! SHO! SNO!

THAT'S YOU HE'S TALKING TO, BY THE WAY.
I KNOW, DOCTOR.

UM... HOH! NOH! BRO! COH!
HSST! FLO! CRO! DOH!

QUO?

KOH! LOH—

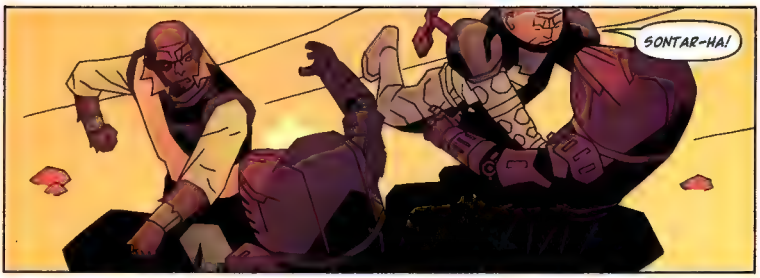

ARRGH! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?!
EEEEEEEEEEEEEE
GRAAARRGHHH!
AUDIOPHONIC FEEDBACK, STOMM!
THE JUDOON LINK THEIR AUDIO RECEPTORS TOGETHER SO THAT WHEN ONE JUDOON GAINS A TRANSLATION THEY ALL DO.

INSTANTLY DOWNLOADED INTO THE CORTEX THROUGH THEIR SUITS.
KRADEN SAID SOMETHING LIKE "MANGO, BICYCLE, BOOKCASE" IN JUDOON. THE CAPTAIN HAD TO CHECK IF HIS TRANSLATION CIRCUITS WERE WORKING.

AND THE MOMENT HE INSERTED THE TRANSLATOR, I SENT THEM AN AUDIAL VIRUS—SOMETHING THAT, ONCE UPLOADED, WOULD STRIKE AT THEIR CORTEX, PARALYSING THEM.
BUT WHY DIDN'T I GET HIT BY IT?

DRACONIANS HAVE A HIGHER FREQUENCY TOLERANCE—
—AH. LOOK OUT!

SO WHY AREN'T THEY AFFECTED?
IT'S ONLY GOT A LIMITED RANGE. WE NEED TO—
DON'T WORRY, DOCTOR...
...LET WARRIORS DO THIS ONE.


SONTAR-HA!

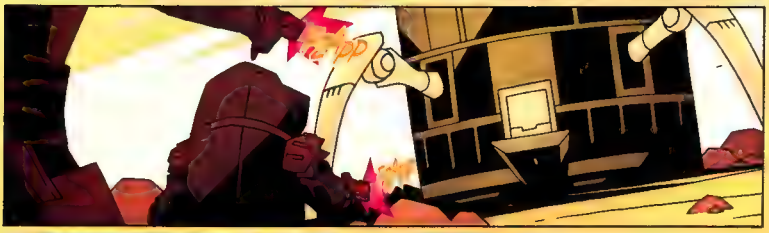
RARRGHHH!
BRARSHAK HATE JUDOON!

GOOD THROWING ARMS, THAT OGRON.
AS LONG AS HE GETS THE JOB DONE, DOCTOR.

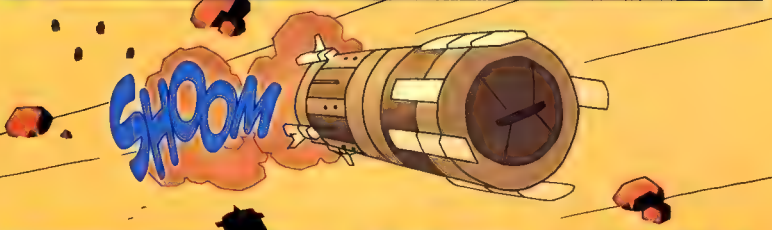
BUT HE'D BETTER GET IT DONE FAST.

THE OTHERS HAVE RETURNED!

GET IN THE SHIP!
CLOSE THE DOOR AFTER YOU!



TRY NOT TO KILL US THIS TIME, DOCTOR.
I DIDN'T KILL YOU LAST TIME, KRADEN.
BESIDES, THIS IS A STANDARD FLIGHT BOARD. WE JUST FLICK THIS SWITCH—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—OKAY. PERHAPS NOT THAT SWITCH.
BUT NEXT STOP... LUNA IV!

STRAP IN! WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST!
JUST ANGLE AROUND SO I CAN GET A CLEAR SHOT!
DAMMIT, DOCTOR, GIVE ME A KILL SHOT!
NO.
I WILL NOT HELP YOU DESTROY THAT SHIP. NOT NOW, NOT EVER.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE STORIES I HEARD ABOUT YOU IN THE GREAT WAR WERE WRONG, THEN.
THEY SAID YOU WERE A WARRIOR.
THOSE STORIES WEREN'T WRONG, KRADEN, I WAS JUST A DIFFERENT MAN THEN.
HYPERSPACE JUMP IN THREE, TWO, ONE—

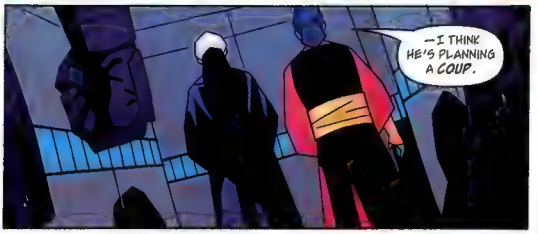
SHADOW ARCHITECT, THERE IS A COMMUNICATION FOR YOU.
IT IS FROM THE DOCTOR.
THE SHADOW PROCLAMATION.
THE DOCTOR?

DOCTOR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'M SORRY, SHADOW ARCHITECT, BUT I HAD TO ESCAPE BEFORE WE WERE MURDERED BY MISTER FINCH, HOPEFULLY NOT ON YOUR ORDERS.
ANYWAY, THIS WAS JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THERE ARE SOME STRANDED JUDOON BACK ON THE PLANET THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO PICK UP.

JUDOON? I HADN'T EVEN BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY HAD FOUND YOU!
STAY THERE, DOCTOR! LET MY JUDOON COME TO YOU—
SORRY, CAN'T DO. WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING TO GET TO. CAN'T DILLY DALLY!
BUT YOU SHOULD CHECK YOUR TROOPS' LOYALTY, SHADOW ARCHITECT. -:SKRRRT:-

YOU, COME WITH ME.
SHADOW ARCHITECT, MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU?

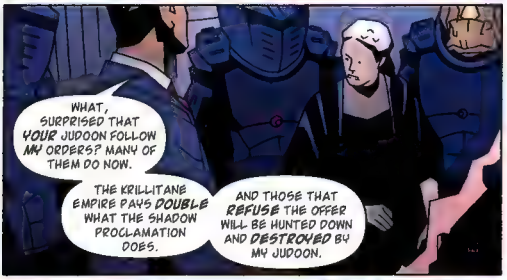
TALK WHILE WE WALK. I'M ON MY WAY TO SPEAK TO MISTER FINCH.
GOOD, BECAUSE THAT WAS WHY I WAS COMING TO SEE YOU—


—I THINK HE'S PLANNING A COUP.

MISTER FINCH! EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
WHY WAS I NOT INFORMED ABOUT THE DOCTOR'S PURSUIT?
EXPLAIN MYSELF, SHADOW ARCHITECT? I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN MYSELF TO AN ALBINO WITH A DEATH WISH.

DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK I WANT THESE PEACE TALKS TO WORK?
THE KRILLITANES WANT WAR, THEY DON'T WANT PEACE. AND AS SUCH, I'M HERE TO ENSURE THAT THE TALKS FAIL.
YOU SET THE DOCTOR UP! YOU WANTED HIM TO DIE WITH THE OTHERS!
I FOUND OUT, YOU KNOW! THREE DIPLOMATS HELD UNDER FAKE CHARGES—

SOMEONE MAKE HER SHUT UP.
—AAIIIEEEEEE...
AH, THAT'S BETTER.


WHAT, SURPRISED THAT YOUR JUDOON FOLLOW MY ORDERS? MANY OF THEM DO NOW.
THE KRILLITANE EMPIRE PAYS DOUBLE WHAT THE SHADOW PROCLAMATION DOES.
AND THOSE THAT REFUSE THE OFFER WILL BE HUNTED DOWN AND DESTROYED BY MY JUDOON.

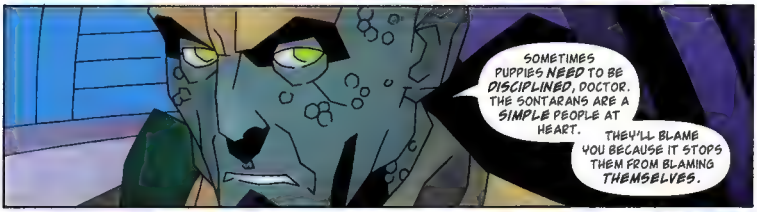
AFTER ALL, ONCE A MERCENARY...
...ALWAYS A MERCENARY.

WE HAVE A WHILE BEFORE WE HIT LUNA IV. YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET YOUR SPEECHES READY FOR THE TALKS.
OH, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT WE SAY, DOCTOR...
...AS LONG AS THE MESSAGE GETS THROUGH.
THE STELLIAN GALAXY HAS BEEN AT WAR LONGER THAN ALL OF US—EVEN YOU, DOCTOR—HAVE BEEN ALIVE.
AND WITH US AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS, SCAVENGERS LIKE THE KRILLITANES CAN COME IN AND CHERRY-PICK THE BODIES.
WE NEED TO UNIFY OUR RACES. NON-AGGRESSION PACTS. AGREED DEFENCE AGAINST INVADERS.
YOU MEAN LIKE N.A.T.O.? OR U.N.I.T.?
I CAN'T SEE PEOPLE LIKE THE SONTARANS JOINING YOUR GANG. THEY DON'T LIKE THE PHRASE NON-AGGRESSION—
YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE SONTARANS! ALL YOU DO IS DESTROY!
LIKE GENERAL STAAL'S SONTARAN FLEET!
HE WAS TRYING TO TURN EARTH INTO A POISONOUS CLONING GROUND! WHILE I WAS THERE! AND GENERAL STOR'S ARMY INVADED GALLIFREY!
WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?!
DOCTOR ALLY.
FIGHT WITH US. DIE WITH US.
SNACK

DOCTOR ALLY.
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME HE WAGES HIS OWN PERSONAL WAR AGAINST US.
THE SONTARANS ARE MORE DESPERATE THAN YOU THINK, DOCTOR.
THEIR WAR AGAINST THE RUTANS IS GOING BADLY. FOR ALL THEIR BLUFF AND BLUSTER ABOUT NEEDING DISTRACTIONS REMOVED SO THAT THEY CAN FOCUS—
—HAVING ALLIES, AS STRANGE AS IT IS—
—MIGHT BE THEIR ONLY CHANCE OF SURVIVAL.
I NEVER KNEW. THE OGRONS IN ECONOMIC CRISIS, THE SONTARANS LOSING A FIGHT...
...WHAT COULD HAVE DONE THIS TO THEM?
YOU, DOCTOR.
YOU DID THIS.

THE SHADOW PROCLAMATION.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU KILLED THE ADVOCATE!
SHE HAD DONE NOTHING AGAINST YOU!
YET, SHADOW ARCHITECT. YOU FORGOT TO END WITH THE WORD "YET."
BETTER TO REMOVE A THREAT BEFORE THEY BECOME ONE. I LEARNED THAT LESSON THE HARD WAY—FROM THE DOCTOR.
YOU! START READYING MY CRAFT. WE ARE REJOINING MY FLEET.
AND ENSURE THAT YOUR OWN VESSELS JOIN US.
BOH! SHO!
AND YOU—I WANT ANY JUDOON NOT LOYAL TO ME REMOVED. YOU UNDERSTAND?
REMOVED. PERMANENTLY.
BOH! SHO!
THIS TIME IT'S ALL GOING TO GO SWIMMINGLY.
TOH! SNO! KRO!
BOH!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DOCTOR?
YES, I—NO, I DUNNO—I JUST NEVER REALISED HOW MUCH MY ACTIONS SOMETIMES AFFECTED PEOPLE.
YOU KNOW, I STOP THE SONTARANS BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING BAD AND STUPID, AND THE NEXT THING I KNOW, I FEEL LIKE I'M KICKING PUPPIES.


SOMETIMES PUPPIES NEED TO BE DISCIPLINED, DOCTOR. THE SONTARANS ARE A SIMPLE PEOPLE AT HEART.
THEY'LL BLAME YOU BECAUSE IT STOPS THEM FROM BLAMING THEMSELVES.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN WE ARRIVE, DOCTOR? WILL YOU RUN AGAIN?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW. I ALWAYS SEEM TO RUN. I MIGHT STOP AND STAND STILL FOR A WHILE.
BESIDES, I NEED TO SOMEHOW GET BACK TO MY TARDIS. AND I'LL NEED TO SPEAK TO THE SHADOW PROCLAMATION ABOUT THAT.

STILL, WE NEED TO GET TO LUNA IV FIRST. I DON'T THINK OL' FINCHY IS GOING TO GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.
RIGHT, THEN—COMING OUT OF HYPERSPACE IN THREE, TWO, ONE...
CLICK

AH. THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM.

IS THAT THE JUDOON? WHO'S THAT WITH THEM?
LOOKS LIKE THE KRILLITANE, ALTHOUGH THEY SEEM TO CHANGE THEIR SHIP DESIGN EVERY TIME THEY AMALGAMATE A NEW RACE.
EVASIVE MANEUVERS!

FOOM
FOOM
WE'RE HIT! WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!
OF COURSE WE ARE—I NEVER WALK INTO DANGER WITHOUT A PLAN!
WELL, MAYBE THE ODD OCCASION—
—YEAH, FORGET THAT STATEMENT!
BEEP BEEP
FINCH! WHAT A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
LOOK, I'D LOVE TO SIT AND CHAT, BUT WE HAVE A GET-TOGETHER WE NEED TO REACH—
SUCH BRAVADO, DOCTOR! AND I'M SURE THAT YOU ALSO WANT TO CONTACT THE SHADOW ARCHITECT, CONVINCE HER ONCE MORE OF YOUR INNOCENCE?
YES, I'M AFRAID SHE'S A LITTLE TIED UP AT THE MOMENT.
HERE'S THE DEAL, DOCTOR. YOU FLY YOUR SHIP INTO MY HANGER BAY, AND YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS SURRENDER TO ME...
...OR I DESTROY YOUR SHIP AND KILL EVERY MEMBER OF THE SHADOW PROCLAMATION, ONE BY ONE.
SLOWLY, DOCTOR. I'LL DO IT VERY SLOWLY.

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER.
DOCTOR! YOU MADE IT! HOW UTTERLY EXPECTED OF YOU!
MISTER FINCH, YOU CAN STILL TURN BACK FROM THIS, YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE NOT JUST ANGERING THE SHADOW PROCLAMATION—YOU'RE ALIENATING THE OGRONS, SONTARANS, AND DRACONIANS, AS WELL.

THESE THREE? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, DOCTOR. THEY'RE TERRORISTS ON THEIR WAY TO STOP THE TALKS.
I HAD TO KILL THEM TO SAVE THE TALKS. I'M A HERO, DON'T YOU KNOW?
HSSSSSSSSSSTTT!
MY PEOPLE DON'T LIKE YOU, DOCTOR. THEY KNOW WHAT YOU DID.
THEY WANT TO RIP YOU APART, AND I'M TEMPTED TO LET THEM. BUT IF I DID THAT, YOU'D NEVER GET TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.
IMAGINE IT, DOCTOR! KRILLITANES WITH THE STRATEGY OF THE SONTARANS, THE STRENGTH OF THE OGRONS!
WITH THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE DRACONIANS WE COULD FIND THE SKASIS PARADIGM! WE SHALL OVERCOME AND ASSIMILATE THEM ALL!
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT OLD CHESTNUT? I MEAN, REALLY?
WE HAVE ALLIES THAT YOU COULDN'T EVEN BEGIN TO CONSIDER HELPING US THERE, DOCTOR.
WITH THE PARADIGM SOLVED, REALITY BECOMES CLAY IN OUR HANDS. WE CAN SHAPE THE UNIVERSE AND IMPROVE IT!
YOU CAN ASSIMILATE SONTARANS, OGRONS—ANYONE YOU LIKE—AND YOU'LL STILL NOT HAVE THE IMAGINATION NEEDED FOR THE PARADIGM.
I'VE HEARD ALL OF THIS BEFORE, AT DEFFRY VALE. AND IT WAS RUBBISH THEN, TOO.

SO LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING THAT YOU'VE HEARD BEFORE. YOU GET ONE WARNING, AND THAT WAS IT.
STAND DOWN. SURRENDER YOUR FORCES. BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE, YOU'RE FAR FROM WINNING THIS BATTLE.
THIS ENDS NOW!
NEXT: END GAME!

DOCTOR'S NOTES: DIAGNOSIS & SECOND OPINIONS

Greetings to Denton, and all responsible for finally giving us a monthly book of the Doctor,

This is the first letter I have ever written to a comics publisher, so here goes.

For years now I have read everything related to the Doctor. Then I finally received "Silver Scream." I have to tell you, the first part of this story is totally brilliant. The script was spot on, and the artwork was fabulous. Not once was I lost or had to re-read one little panel. Though I did go back and re-read just for fun.

My one little pet peeve when I am reading a Doctor Who comic is that I have to hear David Tennant's—or whichever Doctor is being represented—voice in my head. If I don't hear the voice, then it turns into a very difficult read. But every word I could just hear his jovial voice and feel the eccentric energy of the Doctor that made me feel Tennant was right on the TV, giving one of many of his great performances.

Now as to what I would love to see in your books is a Torchwood crossover, or if not a crossover then let's just have Capt. Jack Harkness and crew star with the Doctor in these very pages. A Torchwood ongoing would definably be put right on my pull list even if it had no Doctor in it.

But thank you so much for staying true to the Doctor as only IDW can. I will be looking forward to the ending of this story and the beginnings of many more.

Thanks for your time,
Bob Patterson
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Thanks for writing, Bob. Glad to be your "first."

We don't currently hold the license for Torchwood, but who knows what the future holds?

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Dear Tony, Al, Denton, Lovern, Robbie, and the rest of the IDW Who Crew,

Finished reading the first two issues of the new ongoing Doctor Who series. I thought the characterization of David Tennant's Doctor was captured perfectly. The story was a fun read, and this series shows potential for greatness. I'm really looking forward to the further adventures.

I have a couple questions and comments:

1) Will the series be focused on David's Doctor or will we see other incarnations as well?
2) Will we be seeing any old companions in the stories (Martha, Donna, Sarah Jane, etc.)?
3) One of the things that makes Doctor Who great is the villains and aliens. Though it would be nice to see some of the classics, such as the Daleks, The Master, or Cybermen, I think they have been overplayed. I would hope that more obscure aliens or one-shot wonders may pop up.
4) The retail incentive cover by Tommy Lee Edwards was fantastic. Keep him! I normally do not pay the extra cash for retail incentives, but when I saw that cover... wow! I had to get it. I want to see more covers by him for this series.

Thank you for your time and keep up the great work.

Jeffrey Thompson
Hightstown, New Jersey

Thanks, Jeffrey. Tony Lee has done a stellar job capturing Tennant's portrayal of the Doctor. I'm his editor and I still don't know how he does it!

Now for your questions:
1) The ongoing series will be focused on the current incarnation of the Doctor.
2) At least one of those companions you mentioned will show up in the first year of the series.
3) We've got a nice mix of the old and new coming up.
4) I'd love to bring back Tommy if only he had the time in his schedule...

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Dear Sirs,

Head over heels about the new Doctor Who product materializing on the shelves from IDW. I have some of the original black-and-white art magazines that the Classics were originally reprinted from back in the '80s, and the new colouring techniques are mind-blowing! The art now looks the way I always thought it could—just like the new series!

I am wondering if you will continue to reprint these excellent stories past next month's Peter Davison story, where the Marvel reprint series ended.

Anyways, this fan will always support these releases, as well as the new series stuff you have going. And although it is a large and rather insular industry, if you ever need a fresh new writer for your Doctor Who output, please let me know where I can submit!

It's about time,
Kris Nelson

Glad to hear you've enjoyed the Classics series thus far. We will continue beyond where the Marvel reprints ended. We'll also continue with Charlie Kirchoff coloring the original black-and-white art.

We're not taking writing submissions at this time, but thanks for your interest.

That's all for this month, but we'll be back with your comments on our second story arc, "Fugitive."

—Denton J. Tipton

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